

Dear Chairman Michael Powell and other FCC Commissioners and Staff,  
I am writing to you on behalf of XM Satellite radio. I have been a devoted listener of satellite radio since January 2004 when I received it as an option on my new Honda automobile. Satellite radio has opened up a whole new world of listening pleasure for me. I now look forward to my daily commute with great anticipation as the variety of listening choices has renewed by love with radio. Prior to having XM radio, I had all but given up on FM broadcast radio as it was all a bland re-hash of the same material on every channel, replete with endless commercials for things that I do not want or need.

Now I have learned that the National Association of Broadcasters is lobbying to have XM satellite radio remove the local traffic and weather reports from their service. This is an outrage and completely abhorrent to the principles of consumer choice, individual initiative and free enterprise. I pay for my XM service through a prepaid two year contract. I depend on the local traffic and weather service on XM satellite radio for my daily commute here in the Philadelphia area and other parts of the east coast where I travel for my work. I am outraged that the FCC would even consider the NAB request as it is anti-competitive, protectionist and therefore anti-american.

Please reject and dismiss the NAB's petition 04-160 and allow us, the American people to continue to receive our traffic and weather from XM satellite radio. The NAB needs to develop a market based response to this new competition. They should not hold back technology and the new alternatives it offers. Taking the NAB's petition to its logical conclusion, there should not be any local traffic and weather on the internet as this "new" technology is bad for their business. Competition makes us all better at what ever we do. This is especially true for NAB members as they need to wake up and work on improving their product to bring people back to AM and FM broadcast.

Sincerely,

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